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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Henrik Bengtsson Confirmation No.: 3938

Application No.: 10/679,642 Group Art Unit: 3767

Filed: October 6, 2003 Examiner: Prasad, Sonal

For: Needle Device Comprising A Plurality of Needles

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

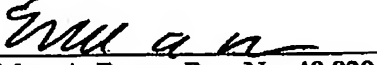
This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 10/18/2005 that made election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of 2 designated groups. However, the Examiner has ignored Figures 8-10. Applicant's request clarification of whether it is the Examiner's position that there is a third group, namely figures 8-10?

In response to these requirements, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the species of group A (Figures 1-5), and applicants note that Claims 1-17 read on the elected species. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file continuing applications/divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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